

REMARKS:

The application now comprises claims 2-9 and 12-18 with claims 17 and 18 being independent.

It is noted that the amendments to the Specification and the Drawings have been accepted and the objections thereto have been withdrawn.

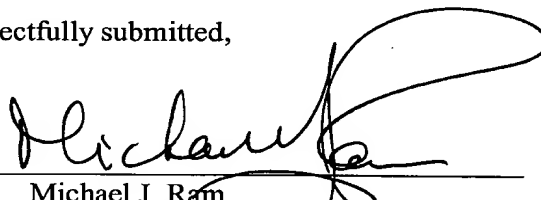
Claims 1-8 and 10-16 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious based on Ohlsson (US Patent 6,452,950) in light of Cohen (US Patent 6,389,032) and Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious based on Ohlsson (US Patent 6,452,950) in light of Cohen (US Patent 6,389,032) and further in light of Shlomot (US 6,377,931. However, Claims 17 and 18 were allowed.

To move the application to issuance claims 1 and 10 have been cancelled and the remaining claims have been amended as appropriate to be dependent on either allowed claim 17 or 18. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1 and 10 and the claims dependent thereon is moot as claims 1 and 10 are no longer in the application. However, applicant contends that claims 1 and 10 are neither shown nor obvious based on the art cited and reserves the right to further pursue the patentability thereof in a divisional or continuation-in-part application.

Claims 2- 9 and 12-18 remain in the application. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable, fully supported by the Specification and not shown by the prior art. It is requested that the claims be found to be patentable and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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